## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Students scheduled to graduate in 2004 or 2005 will not be required to pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) to receive a diploma. The State Board of Education (SBE) at its July 2003 meeting took action to move the passage of this exam as a diploma requirement to the class of 2006. Additionally, they directed the California Department of Education to provide school districts with a Certificate of Accomplishment for students who have passed both parts of the CAHSEE, as well as a released test for students in the class of 2004 or 2005 who would like to continue to try to pass the CAHSEE in order to get a certificate. Districts may not use the CAHSEE as a local graduation requirement for the classes of 2004 and 2005. SBE also approved a change in the CAHSEE blueprints and a reduction in testing days from three days to two days.

The documents on the CAHSEE web site are being revised to reflect these changes.